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RESTORE TO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CASA GRANDE RUINS NATIONAL MONUMENT

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MR. HARRELD, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted
the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3826]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3826) to restore to the public domain certain lands within the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

This bill is recommended by the Interior Department and the facts are fully set forth in a letter from the Secretary of the Interior under date of December 20, 1924, which is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 20, 1924.

HON. JOHN W. HARRELD,
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,
United States Senate.

MY DEAR SENATOR HARRELD: An act approved May 18, 1916 (39 Stat. 123-130), provided, among other things, for beginning the construction by the Indian Service of a diversion dam and necessary controlling works for diverting at a site above Florence, Ariz., the natural flow of the Gila River to provide irrigation facilities for Indian lands on the Gila River Indian Reservation and private and public lands in Pinal County, Ariz.

This dam has been completed, and the controlling works and laterals required to carry the water to the lands are being constructed out of appropriations that have been carried in subsequent appropriation acts. During the present fiscal year the sum of \$250,000 was made available for this purpose. The total appropriation to date for this work is \$650,000.

It has been ascertained that in constructing what is known as the Pima lateral of the canal system it is necessary, due to the topographic conditions, to cross land in the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 16, township 5 south, range 8 east of the Gila and Salt River principal meridian, which land is embraced in the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument. The location of

that section of the canal in question is near the south and west boundaries of the monument and at considerable distance from the Casa Grande ruins. It has been found desirable to eliminate areas within national monuments required for other purposes where such elimination would not affect or injure the monument or the purpose for which it was created. Such action is more satisfactory than the granting of a right of way through the monument. It eliminates the possibility of conflicting interests.

In the present case no damage will ensue to the monument by the elimination of the area in question, and with this end in view I am inclosing herewith a draft of proposed legislation which if enacted will eliminate the barrier that now prevents the construction of the canal through the area above described and will permit the taking of similar action in the future where conditions require. I shall be pleased to have this matter receive appropriate consideration and action by your committee and the Congress.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK.